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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jean-Paul CANO et al.

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For: OPTHALMIC LENS MADE OF ORGANIC GLASS WITH SHOCKPROOF
INTERMEDIATE LAYER; AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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Examiner: NAKARANI, DHIRAJLAL S.

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Dear Sir:

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This paper is submitted further to a teleconference between the Examiner and the undersigned, which occurred on June 17, 2004. The undersigned thanks the examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview.

During the interview, the undersigned inquired with reference to the §112, ¶1 rejection if the examiner had considered that claim 1 included the phrase "wherein the abrasion-resistant coating is a silicone based coating or an acrylic based coating." The examiner indicated that he had considered this language but that it was too broad, and that only the limitations of claim 12 would overcome this ground of rejection.

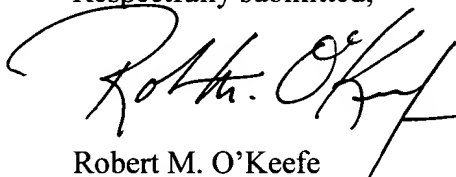
With respect to the §112, ¶1 rejection based with respect to the antireflective coating, the undersigned inquired whether the examiner considered the specification at page 13, lines 13-20

and Examples 4-6, which provides support for "organic." The examiner indicated that he had considered these passages, but that in his view any organic substituents would be hydrolyzed away leaving a siloxane matrix in which organic moieties would be absent.

Finally, the undersigned inquired why there was a §103 rejection since the same evidence is presented herein that was presented in the parent application, which was allowed. The examiner replied that the parent case was allowed because claim 12 had been incorporated into claim 1, which in combination with the evidence of nonobviousness led to allowance of the case. The examiner added that claim 12 was not rejected under §103 in the outstanding office action.

No agreement was reached in the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. M. O'Keefe", written in a cursive style.

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